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The communication, filed on 3/13/03, is non-responsive to the prior Office Action, mailed 9/16/02, because the amendment does not include a marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs. The AIPA amending rules require both a marked up paragraph (full paragraph) as well as a clean version of the paragraphs.

Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technical Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technical Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is either (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn Smith, whose telephone number is (703) 308-6043. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, can be reached on (703) 308-4028.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Legal Instruments Examiner Tina Plunkett whose telephone number is (703) 305-3524 or to the Technical Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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Attachments: 3 sheets: Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Changes to the Patent Rules, and Revised Notice

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**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

The amendment filed on 3/13/03 is considered non-compliant because it has not been submitted in the format required under 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000 and 1238 O.G. 77; Sept. 19, 2000).

- The amendment does not include a clean version of the replacement paragraph/section. 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii)
- The amendment does not include a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph/section 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii)
- The amendment does not include a clean version of the amended claim(s). 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i)
- The amendment does not include a marked-up version of the amended claim(s). 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii)

For your convenience, attached to this correspondence is a copy of an informational flyer (MPEP Bookmark Bulletin on "Simplified Amendment Practice").

Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, effective March 1, 2001, in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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